

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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MAST CELL-SPECIFIC SIGNAL
TRANSDUCER AND cDNA THEREOF
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution and to reduce PTO filing fees, please amend the
present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 7 and 8 as follows:

7. (Amended) A cell transformed with the expression vector of claim 5.

8. (Amended) A cell transformed with the expression vector of claim 6.

Please add the following new claims:

11. (New) A cell transformed with an expression vector of claim 5 which produces a
protein having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID No. 2.

ATTACHMENT D